

ORDINANCE 07-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 5, OF THE TOWN OF NOLENSVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Nolensville, Tennessee authorizes the Town to pursue the enforcement of certain activities necessary to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Nolensville; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman for the Town of Nolensville wish to exercise its authority to limit discharging of firearms and weapons within the Town of Nolensville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Nolensville, Tennessee that:

Section 1. Title 11, Chapter 5, Weapons and Firearms is added as follows:

Section 2. Section 11-501 Weapons and Firearms Defined.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, a “firearm” shall be defined as any gun, rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun or any other device which is capable of projecting any object a distance of forty (40) feet or more. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the definition of “weapon” shall include crossbows.

Section 3. Section. 11-502. Weapons and firearms generally.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms or other weapons in the town on public property, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to bona fide law enforcement officers lawfully engaged in their official duties, nor shall it apply to supervised shoots, gun safety demonstrations or similar organized events for which permission has been given by the Chief of Police. A written permit for such events will be issued, at the discretion of the Chief of Police and upon his or her determination that such event will not negatively impact the health and safety of the residents of the Town of Nolensville, upon submission of a written application for such a permit. The permit application form and contents will be available at Town Hall. The Chief of Police will advise as to whether or not the permit application has been approved within ten (10) days of the filing of the permit application. Parties requesting such approval shall agree to hold the town harmless of any negligence or responsibilities concerning the holding of such events. The town may require written release and proof of adequate liability insurance coverage.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms or other weapons on any private property without the written permission of the landowner or the person in possession or control of the property and having authority from the owner to give such permission. It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms or weapons in certain areas within the Town of Nolensville except with a special written permit at the discretion of the Chief of Police who may authorize special events. A written permit for such events will be issued, at the

discretion of the Chief of Police and upon his or her determination that such event will not negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Nolensville, upon submission of a written application for such a permit. The areas of the Town of Nolensville in which it shall be unlawful to discharge firearms or weapons shall be described as all parcels or tracts of real property within the Town of Nolensville north of the southern boundary of the roadways known as New Clovercroft Road and New Rocky Fork Road, except as is otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Exceptions to Prohibitions.

Notwithstanding the restrictions and provisions of Section 3 herein, it shall be lawful to discharge a firearm or weapons in the following areas and under the following circumstances:

1. On tracts or parcels of real property within the Town of Nolensville north of the southern boundaries of New Clovercroft and Rocky Fork Roads which have a parcel area of five (5) acres or more.
2. The discharge of firearms or weapons in defense of person or property as otherwise permitted by law.
3. The discharge of firearms or weapons to kill any dangerous or destructive wild animal.
4. The discharge of firearms with blank cartridges in theatrical performances, sporting events, or in the firing of salutes at military funerals.
5. The discharge of firearms pursuant to the hunting rules and regulation as provided by the laws of the State of Tennessee.

State law references: Weapons generally, T.C.A. § 39-17-1301 et seq.

Section 5. Penalty for Violation

The penalty or fine for violation of this Ordinance shall be \$50.00 per violation with each violation being a separate offense.

Section 6. Effect.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately following the final passage of this ordinance the public welfare requiring it.

Beth Lothers, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Lancaster, Town Recorder

Approved by: _____
Robert J. Notestine, III, Town Attorney

Passed 1st Reading: _____

Passed 2nd Reading: _____